

Matter of Thomas J. Burns,
Board on Unauthorized Practice of Law,
No. UPL-1, 1991 (1992)

Nature of Case:

After reports to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel that Burns was engaging in the unauthorized practice of law, investigation revealed that Burns had indeed been holding himself out to the public as a member of the Delaware Bar, had been giving legal advice and drafting legal documents, had been representing clients in various tribunals, and had been charging attorneys' fees. Although Burns had graduated from law school, he had never been authorized to practice law in Delaware. A hearing was held before the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law on the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's petition for an order directed against Burns.

Action Taken by the Court:

In an Opinion and Order dated January 14, 1992, the Board found that Burns had been engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Delaware, and directed that he, as well as all persons acting in concert with him, immediately cease and desist from the practice of law and all activities related thereto.